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Application of PCT/JP00/04146

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Attn: Application Branch

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For: METHODS FOR INHIBITING OSTEOCLAST FORMATION OR METHODS FOR INHIBITING BONE RESORPTION

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner of Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Prior to the initial examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 5 and add new claims 7 and 8 as follows:

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5. (Amended) The method for inhibiting bone resorption as described in claim 3 wherein
said co-culture comprises an inducing factor of osteoclast formation and/or bone resorption in the
co-culture medium.

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7. The method for inhibiting bone resorption as described in claim 4 wherein said co-
culture comprises an inducing factor of osteoclast formation and/or bone resorption in the co-
culture medium.

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8. The method for inhibiting osteoclast formation or the method for inhibiting bone
resorption according to claim 7 wherein said inducing factor comprises at least one factor